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Bitter Creek Fire Burning Northeast of Red River

Red River, New Mexico, April 22, 2006 – A fire was reported this afternoon one and a half miles northeast of the Village of Red River. The ten acre Bitter Creek Fire is burning in light to medium mixed conifer. The Red River volunteer fire department responded to the fire and is at the scene.

The Carson Hotshots, Camino Real Ranger District Engine 4 and several Carson personnel are enroute to the fire. Air resources have been ordered and one retardant drop was made on the northern end of the fire this evening. Another air tanker is enroute from White Mountain Arizona.

The cause at this time is unknown. Heavy winds have been reported in the area throughout the afternoon.

One structure is downwind of the fire and two families have been notified of possible evacuation.

Firefighters reported torching, running and spotting when they first arrived at the scene. Fire behavior reported at 7:15 pm show the fire has laid down significantly.

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